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SUBJECT: CANADIAN POLICY ON ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY

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1. ON FEBRUARY 27, SECSTATE FOR EXTAFF MACEACHEN

GAVE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF GOC POLICY ON ARMS SHIPMENTS

TO TURKEY: "AT PRESENT THERE IS NO GENERAL EMBARGO

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ON THE EXPORT TO TURKEY OF ARMS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT,

ALTHOUGH SHIPMENTS OF SUCH MATERIAL WERE SUSPENDED FOR A TIME FOLLOWING THE EVENTS IN CYPRUS OF LAST JULY AND AUGUST. AT PRESENT, EACH APPLICATION FOR ARMS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO TURKEY WOULD BE EXAMINED IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXISTING AND FORESEEABLE POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION IN THE AREA BEFORE AN EXPORT PERMIT IS GRANTED. AS THE HOUSE IS AWARE, IT IS NOT THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW THE EXPORT OF ARMS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO AN AREA WHERE MILITARY HOSTILITIES ARE TAKING PLACE."

2. ASKED IF, GIVEN PRESENCE OF CANADIAN TROOPS IN CYPRUS, IT WOULD NOT BE SHORTSIGHTED TO PUT WEAPONS IN HANDS OF THOSE WHO MIGHT IN CERTAIN EVENTUALITIES USE THEM AGAINST CANADIAN TROOPS, MACEACHEN AGREED THAT "IF ONE SHIPPED ARMS AGAINST THAT EVENTUALITY, IT WOULD INDEED BE SHORTSIGHTED ACTION. I DO NOT REGARD IT AS AN EVENTUALITY."
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